

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph of page 1 with the following:

This application is a continuation-in-part of our copending application, Serial No. 09/909,066, filed July 20, 2001, now abandoned.

Please replace the last paragraph of page 2 with the following:

The invention is applicable to the treatment of surfaces of polyolefins such as polymers and copolymers of ethylene, propylene, butene, isobutene, with minor amounts of other comonomers such as vinyl acetate, vinyl chloride, etc. Polyethylene is the most common and advantageously treated polyolefin and is preferred, however, the surfaces of other polyolefins can be likewise treated.